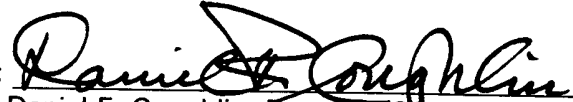


REMARKS

The present Amendment to the specification is merely to clarify the description of Figures 2 through 4 of the instant application so as to avoid any confusion from the original wording of that description. No new matter is being introduced in the instant amendment. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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"Figures 2a[-], 3a, and 4a are scanning electron photo micrographs of a microporous membrane of the present disclosure illustrating the membrane imbued with a highly electropositive solid phase hydrophilic material at 500X, 2,500X, and 5,000X;

Figures 2b[-], 3b, and 4b are scanning electron photo micrographs of a control microporous membrane without being imbued with the highly electropositive solid phase hydrophilic material of Figures 2a[-], 3a, and 4a at 500X, 2,500X and 5,000X;[.]"

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